

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, after the title, replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD", with the following new headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, before line 10, which begins, "A known direct smelting process...", please insert the following new heading:

2. Description of Related Art

At page 4, after line 31, which ends with, "on the platforms.", please replace the heading "DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION", with the following new heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 24, line 1, please replace the heading which reads, "CLAIMS:", with the following new heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: